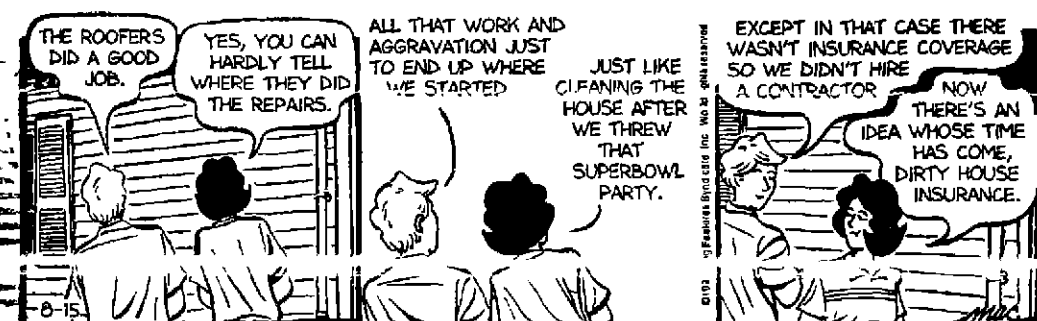


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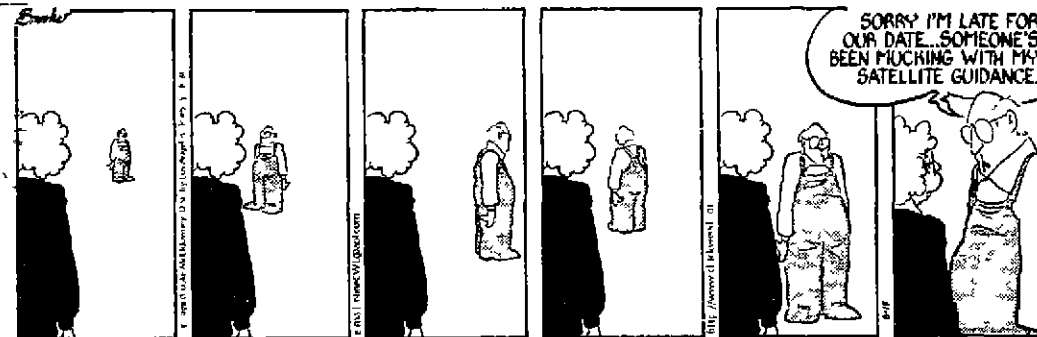
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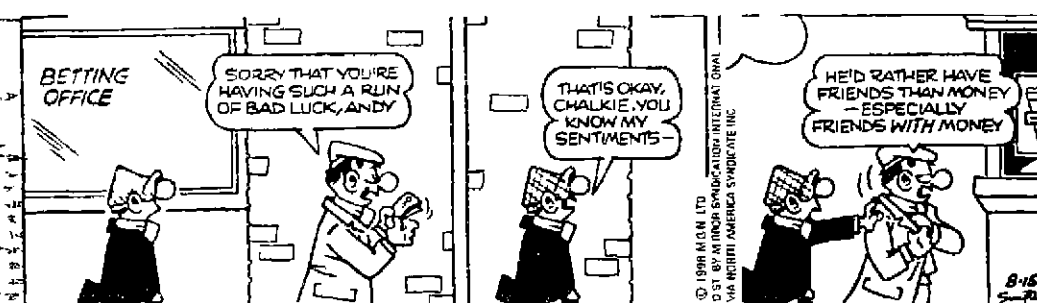
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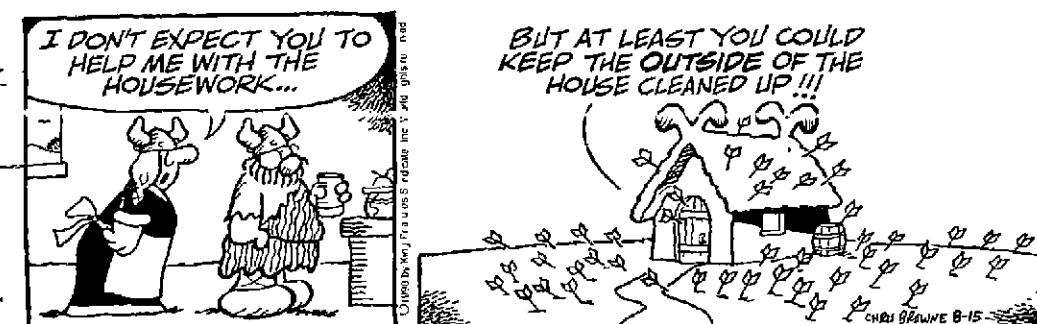
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



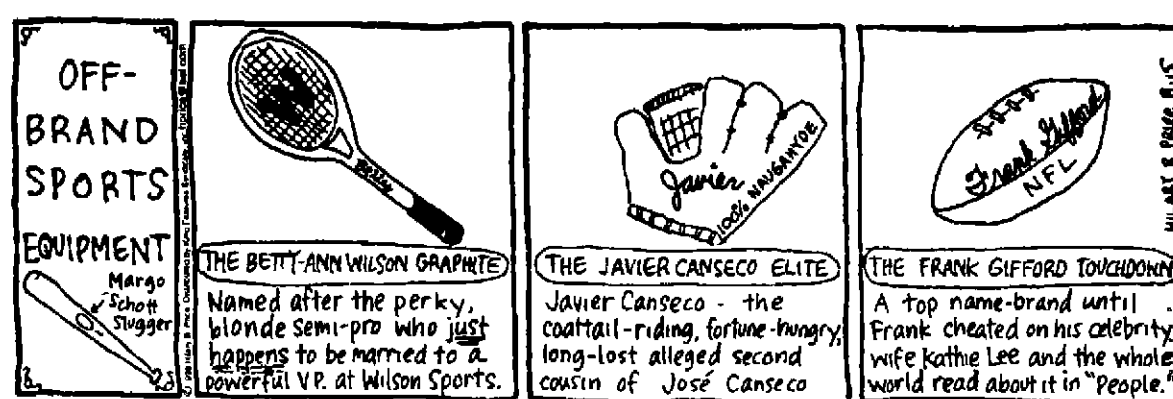
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Cooking expert Julia Child is 86
Actress Dame Wendy Miller is 86.
Concomitantly, 1st Phyllis Schilly is 74 Actor Mike Connors is 73 Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 73.
Rhythm-and-blues singer Billie Holiday (The Drifters) is 73 Actress Janice Rule is 67. Actress Abby Dalton is 66 Actress Lori Nelson is 65 Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 64 Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 63 Britain's Princess Anne is 48.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 105-115
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blasts" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 8-15-98 ©1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: T, S, U, Q, E, O, R, I

RACK 2: T, H, H, S, M, H, I

RACK 3: T, H, H, A, E, R, B, I

RACK 4: W, R, S, O, R, O, B, I

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Words Ending In "ISM"

V G D M S I E H T A A X V S P
E N M S I L A E R N U K I F C
X A X V S M Q R O E L T J H E
O C A X V T S O R P P N I M L
R J M M M S I N O I N U S H
C F D S S B Y S C T X V T I M
I R P I I I O M S I N A G R O
S M U K R X C I G S N E D U B
M R Z X P W R A U M T Y R O Q
T O N L J I G A R F D C C T A
Y X W M S I O A M S I T P A B

Friday's unlisted clue: STATION

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hunt: EXPELLING DEMONS

Atheism Herosim Organism Tourism
Autism Marxism Pism Trism
Baptism Nepotism Racism Unionism
Cynicism

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Form alliances that can help you achieve your goals. Teamwork will take on new meaning for you when you start to reap the benefits.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone might intentionally try to confuse you or hold a thumb over the small print.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're like a teen-ager again, giggling, nauseated and harboring strong feelings for someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Playing hooky should feel this good every day. Get in touch with your lazy side and let it rule.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your mouth and brain aren't on speaking terms, and the results keep getting you in trouble. Keep to yourself.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you can't get absolute satisfaction, chances are still good that you will improve your current situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're having difficulty getting others to see things from your perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The bed you've created awaits you. You fought so hard and now you're unsure if this is what you wanted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A friend in need is calling in a favor. You might have considered not obliging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A discreet interlude can be exciting but dangerous. Perhaps it's better not to mix your passion for success with your passions of amour.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a good time to investigate that tiny sensation with someone who could become special to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Even your beloved family might not know how to handle your newest crazy project.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"How did you beat the heart game on Board 18?" asked a duplicate fan. "I switched to diamonds at trick two," was the answer. "So did I," replied the fan. "But we didn't beat the game." At both tables, West led his spade king and correctly decided to shift to diamonds when South dropped the spade nine. With no club tricks available, West saw that the only hope was to switch to diamonds, playing East to hold the diamond king. Besides, if East didn't have the diamond king, South could finesse against West's diamond queen anyway. The first West snitched meekly to the diamond eight. South ducked in dummy, and East had to play his king. After ruffing East's spade return and leading trumps, South took a winning diamond finesse against West's queen and lost only three tricks. What diamond did the successful West lead? Instead of the eight, he led his 10! This astute play paralyzed South. If he covered with dummy's jack, East would win and return the suit. And when West won his trump ace, he had a diamond winner to cash for the setting trick. Note that a switch to the diamond queen would have been better than leading the eight. After dummy's ace wins, when West wins his trump ace and leads the diamond eight, South must guess whether West was tricky enough to have led the queen from K-Q-8. Sometimes switching to the right suit is not enough. One must also lead the right card.

NORTH 08-15-A
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ K Q 10 8 3
♦ A J 5 4
♣ A

WEST
♠ A K 8 6 4 3
♥ A
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 7 4 3

EAST
♠ 5 2
♥ 2
♦ K 7 3
♣ K J 16 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ J 9 7 6 5 4
♦ A 6 2
♣ A Q 5

Vulnerable North South
Dealer East

The bidding
East South West North
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Dbl
Pass 4 ♥ All pass

Opening lead Spade king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0704

ACROSS

- 1 Paul Claudel's "Cinq Grandes"
- 5 "My word!"
- 9 "Civil Disobedience," e.g.
- 14 Lead, often
- 16 Pitch
- 17 Reporter's quest
- 18 Winter treat
- 19 One way to serve 18-Across
- 20 Nearing bedtime
- 21 Sound of swift passage
- 22 It goes with tails
- 23 Prick
- 25 Picnic serving
- 27 Use a food mill
- 28 Dewlaps
- 29 Union fighter, Abbr.
- 30 On—(equivalent)
- 31 Manners
- 32 "Double Indemnity" author
- 33 Brainard, the Absent-Minded Professor
- 34 N.B.A. teammate since 1947
- 35 Parcelled
- 36 Mugged
- 37 "A Natural Man" singer, 1971
- 38 Cairn
- 39 composition
- 40 Met manager, 1950-72
- 41 Jukes
- 42 Not drawn out
- 43 Really fancy
- 47 Where a bus passenger might step
- 48 Purport
- 49 Flood mark
- 50 Museum
- 51 Metallurgist's stock
- 52 Knock off

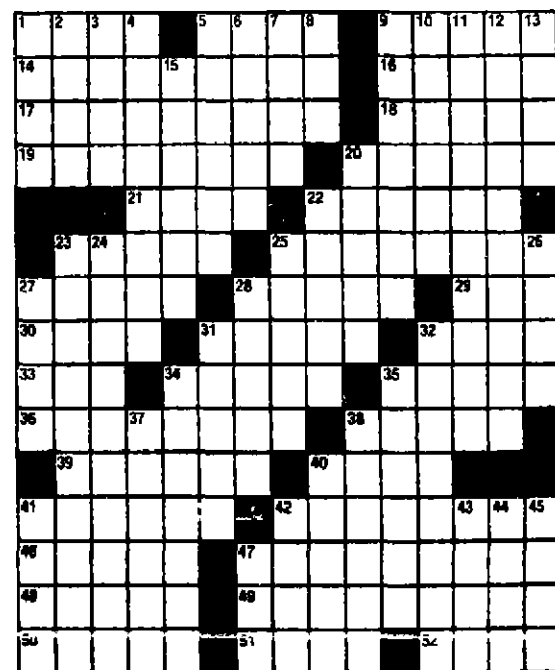
DOWN

- 1 Cager Thorpe
- 2 Exertion
- 3 Suffix with disk
- 4 Less reputable
- 5 1981 N.B.A. M.V.P.
- 6 Like some concerns
- 7 Shake or break follower
- 8 To Shakespeare it was "honey-heavy"
- 9 They may be narrow
- 10 Couch potatoes, say
- 11 Visit
- 12 Deserations of dogma
- 13 "—, night!"
- 14 Forer's cousin
- 15 Slouches
- 16 Displaces
- 17 Customs
- 18 Unreadable
- 19 Pine stick

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AJAR SWAP PRIZE
LIMEJUICE MEMOS
OBEEDIENCE SCANT
PERIL DIVE OCEAN
IDLE DEXTROSE
AMC TIE CAD
PEACECONFERENCE
ORNAMENTALTREES
PLANETARYSYSTEM
ONE REGA TISE

ALLI ADDS MECCA
BOOZE INONEDOUT
AMMEX STRONGMEN
TEASE YUAN EERO



Puzzle by Harvey Estes

- 27 Quailm
- 28 Laughing stock?
- 31 Uses an airborne defense
- 32 Barrel race participants
- 34 Reverse signaler
- 35 Ball boy or ball
- 37 Bill—the Father of Bluegrass
- 38 Forty-niner's quest
- 40 Evel Knievel's hometown
- 41 It may have a twist
- 42 Shoot up
- 43 Quarterback O'Donnell
- 44 "Marnage at (Veronese painting)
- 45 One more than 47-Down
- 47 Low card

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